Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 06 Jan 2023 until 23:59 on Saturday 07 Jan 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 06 Jan 2023 at 02:37 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for periods of rain interspersed with showers, falling as snow across high ground into the beginning of next week. Lower for detail on timing and intensity of the rain and showers.

Headline for Friday 06 Jan 2023: Showers or longer periods of rain, heavy at times and falling as snow across the summits. Storm force winds easing steadily during the morning.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 06 Jan 2023

Blizzards
Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
High Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet	Sleet	Sleet showers	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
80%	70%	40%	20%	10%	20%

Forecast for Friday 06 Jan 2023

Weather: Widespread showers continue through the morning but begin to die out from early afternoon, leaving most places dry by evening. This will fall as snow across the summits as freezing level stays 800-1000m today.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10% becoming 40% from the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud around 600-800m drops to lower slopes in heavy showers and snow, cloud becomes broken during the afternoon. Visibility will be good, falling very poor in heavy showers or snow.

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Forecast for Friday 06 Jan 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	58/69 W	48/60 W	35/44 W	31/38 SW	27/33 S	35/43 S	35/43 SE
900	55/66 W	46/58 W	33/42 W	29/36 SW	26/32 S	31/39 S	31/39 SE
600	39/50 W	32/44 W	21/30 W	18/26 SW	18/25 S	21/29 S	20/28 SE
300	10/51 W	11/45 W	7/31 W	5/27 SW	3/21 S	3/25 SE	4/30 SE
Glen	25/47 W	18/36 W	9/24 SW	7/20 SW	7/20 S	11/27 SE	14/31 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-1/-11	-1/-11	-1/-10	-0/-8	-1/-8	-0/-9	0/-7
900	0/-10	-0/-10	-0/-8	0/-7	0/-7	0/-7	1/-6
600	2/-6	2/-5	2/-4	2/-3	2/-3	3/-3	4/-2
300	5/1	4/1	5/2	5/3	4/2	4/3	5/4
Glen	7/2	7/2	7/4	7/5	6/4	7/4	8/5
Freezing Level*	1000m	900m	900m	900m	900m	1100m	1400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
With winds up to storm force at first, together with heavy showers and at height snow navigation will be extremely difficult, particularly during the morning.

Forecast for Saturday 07 Jan 2023
Weather: A band of cloud and rain, snow at height, spreads northeast in the early morning. Most places become dry with increasing clear periods from shortly after sunrise. Scattered showers spread north from mid-afternoon. .

Maximum wind: South or southwest 35-40mph gust 50-60mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50%

Low cloud and visibility: Broken cloud with base 600-800m through the day with good visibility out with the cloud falling poor in showers and very poor in snow.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 Celsius rising plus 8 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 2-4 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1200m lowering 700m in the afternoon.

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